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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009-10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 394

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

February 23, 2009

An act relating to energy. An act to add Section 12019.5 to the Government Code, relating to the census.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 394, as amended, Fuentes. Solar energy systems. Census.

Existing law specifies various duties of government agencies in connection with conducting the decennial census and maintaining population data.

This bill would require the Governor to appoint a task force to make recommendations on how to maximize the number of Californians counted in the 2010 census and to implement a census outreach program.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, as defined. A decision of the PUC adopted the California Solar Initiative. Existing law requires the PUC to undertake certain steps in implementing the California Solar Initiative. Existing law requires the governing body of a local publicly owned electric utility that sells electricity at retail to adopt, implement, and finance a solar initiative program for the purpose of investing in, and encouraging the increased installation of, residential and commercial solar energy systems.

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This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to further facilitate the efforts of local publicly owned electric utilities to increase the installation of residential and commercial solar energy systems.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12019.5 is added to the Government Code, 2 to read:
- 12019.5. The Governor shall appoint a task force to make recommendations on how to maximize the number of Californians counted in the 2010 census and to implement a census outreach program, taking into account the successes and problems with the 2000 California Complete Count Campaign.
- 8 SECTION 1. In order to further the state goal of encouraging 9 the installation of 3,000 megawatts of photovoltaic solar energy 10 generation in 10 years, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 11 legislation that would further facilitate the efforts of local publicly
- 12 owned electric utilities to increase the installation of residential
- 13 and commercial solar energy systems.